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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

PAUL MURPHY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Anthony Iglecias Macaranas, in his official
capacity as Commissioner of the Department
of Public Safety of the Northern Mariana
Islands

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1-24-CV-00017

ANSWER

Defendant, Anthony Macaranas, in his official capacity as the Commissioner of the CNMI Department of Public Safety, by and through his attorney or record, J. Robert Glass, Jr., files his Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief filed February 5, 2025.

1) Admitted.

2) Paragraph 2 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the law speaks for itself and anything else is denied.

3) Paragraph 3 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant admits that the law speak for itself, but denies the rest.

- 1 4) Paragraph 4 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response
2 is required, Defendant admits that the laws and cases speak for themselves, but the rest.
- 3 5) Defendant admits jurisdiction and venue.
- 4 6) Admitted, and Defendant thanks Plaintiff for his honorable service to our country.
- 5 7) Defendant admits paragraph 7 to the extent that Defendant is properly identified in his
6 official capacity and is responsible for enforcing Public Law 19-42 § 208(a)(2) (6 CMC
7 §10208(a)(2)).
- 8 8) Admitted as to the facts that Plaintiff was denied on those dates and by those people for his
9 request to purchase the Maxim Defense PDX-SD pistol chambered in 5.56 NATO with a
10 built in “soup can” suppressor, a Banish 30 suppressor, and a Ruger MKIV-SD Integral
11 Suppressor 22 caliber pistol. Defendant likewise admits that the laws speak for themselves,
12 but denies anything else.
- 13 9) Paragraph 9 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response
14 is required, Defendant admits that violation of certain statutes can carry criminal penalties.
15 Denied as to Plaintiff’s legal interpretation.
- 16 10) Paragraph 10 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response
17 is required, Defendant admits statutes and laws speak for themselves. Anything else is
18 denied.
- 19 11) Paragraph 11 re-alleges prior paragraphs and is a legal argument to which no response is
20 required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant repeats his answers for those
21 paragraphs that are re-alleged. The remaining statement are legal arguments to which no
22 response is required, and to the extent a response is required, denied.
- 23 12) Paragraph 12 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response
24 is required, Defendant admits the laws speak for themselves, and denies anything else.
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1 13) Paragraph 13 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response
2 is required, Defendant admits the laws speak for themselves, and denies anything else.

3 14) Paragraph 14 is a legal argument to which no response is required. To the extent a response
4 is required, Defendant admits the laws speak for themselves, and denies anything else

5 15) Paragraph 15 re-alleges prior paragraphs and sets forth his request to have Public Law 19-
6 42 § 208(a)(2) (6 CMC §10208(a)(2)) declared unconstitutional and to issue a permanent
7 injunction to bar enforcement. Defendant re-alleges his prior responses and denies that
8 Plaintiff's requested relief is warranted and denies Plaintiff's legal analysis.
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10 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

11 1) Failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Plaintiff's complaint does not
12 allege any claims upon which relief may be granted.
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15 Respectfully Submitted,

16 April 24, 2025
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing Answer has been electronically filed and served on Plaintiff through the ECF system on April 24, 2025.

/s/ J. Robert Glass, Jr.

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